



Docket No.: 1087.1013

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

Bennett et al.

Serial No. 09/864,356

Group Art Unit: 2841

Confirmation No. 4093

Filed: May 25, 2001

Examiner: R. Gibson

For: ARTICLE HANDLING SYSTEM

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

This is concurrent with the Request for Continued Examination filed January 20, 2004, and in response to the Office Action mailed July 18, 2003, and having a period for response set to expire on October 18, 2003. A Petition for a three-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to January 18, 2004 (a Sunday, January 19, 2004 being a holiday).

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.